

BREAUX ACT

COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION AND RESTORATION ACT

TASK FORCE MEETING

AGENDA

February 15, 2007, 9:30 a.m.

Location:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Office
7400 Leake Ave.
New Orleans, Louisiana
District Assembly Room

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http://www.mvn.usace.army.mil/pd/cwppra_mission.htm

or

<http://lacoast.gov/reports/program/index.asp>

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Agenda Item

- 1. Meeting Initiation 9:30 a.m. to 9:40 a.m.**
 - a. Introduction of Task Force Members or Alternates
 - b. Opening remarks of Task Force Members
- 2. Adoption of Minutes from the October 18, 2006 Task Force Meeting: 9:40 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.**
- 3. Status of Breaux Act Program Funds and Projects (Browning/LeBlanc): 9:45 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.** Ms. Gay Browning and Ms. Julie LeBlanc will provide an overview of the status of CWPPRA accounts, and available funding in the Planning and Construction Programs.
- 4. Decision: Request for Additional Phase II Increment 1 Funding for the West Lake Boudreaux Project (TE-46) (Constance) 10:00 a.m. to 10:10 a.m.** Based on the Technical Committee's recommendation, the Task Force will consider the request by the FWS and LDNR for additional funding for the West Lake Boudreaux Project due to the increased costs of rock and hydraulic dredging after the 2005 hurricanes. Phase II Increment 1 funding in the amount of \$14.6 million was approved by the Task Force on February 8, 2006. It is anticipated that additional Phase II Increment 1 funding in the amount of \$1,916,859 is needed because rock and hydraulic dredging costs have increased as a result of the 2005 hurricanes. The Technical Committee recommends an increase in Phase II Increment 1 funding in the amount of \$1,916,859.

5. **Decision: Request for Additional Phase II Increment 1 Construction Funds for the Lake Borgne Shoreline Protection Project (PO-30) (Constance) 10:10 a.m. to 10:25 a.m.** The Task Force will consider the request for additional funding on the Lake Borgne Shoreline Protection Project, based on the Technical Committee's recommendation. The Lake Borgne Shoreline Protection Project received Phase II Increment 1 funding in the amount of \$16.6 million from the CWPPRA Task Force on February 8, 2006. EPA and LDNR final project review efforts prior to bid solicitation (anticipated in early 2007) indicate pre-Katrina/Rita cost estimates for the authorized project should be made consistent with post-hurricane material costs and recent project awards. In order to avoid likely construction bid overruns in 2007, EPA is seeking an increase in Phase II Increment 1 funding in the amount of \$6,925,824. The Technical Committee recommends an increase in Phase II Increment 1 funding in the amount of \$6,925,824.

6. **Decision: Request for Phase II Authorization and Approval of Phase II Increment 1 Funding (Constance) 10:25 a.m. to 11:25 a.m.** The Task Force will consider requests for Phase II Authorization and Phase II Increment 1 funding based on the Technical Committee's recommendation. The Technical Committee reviewed and took public comment on December 6, 2006 on the twelve projects shown in the table, and Phase II authorization and recommends approval of Phase II Increment 1 funding for two projects to the Task Force within available FY07 funding (see table on next page). With approval of these two projects, and approval of the funding increases in prior agenda items, it is estimated that approximately \$22.0 million in Federal/non-Federal funding will still be available in the construction program. The Task Force will consider the Technical Committee's recommendation and make a final decision on Phase II authorization and approval of Phase II Increment 1 funding for FY07.

The projects in the table below will be individually discussed by the sponsoring agency, the Task Force and the general public as shown below:

- a) Overview of projects.
- b) Task Force questions and comments on projects.
- c) Public comments on projects (Comments should be limited to 1-2 minutes).

Recommended approval by Tech. Committee	Agency	Project No.	PPL	Project Name	Construction Start Date	Phase II Total Cost	Phase II Incr. 1 Funding Request	Acres Benefitted Over 20 Years	Prioritization Score	30% Design Review Meeting Date	95% Design Review Meeting Date
	NRCS	BA-27c(3)	9	Barataria Basin Landbridge, Phase 3 - CU 7	Aug-07	\$25,765,121	\$21,538,790	180	45.55	20 Aug 03 (A)	2 Sep 04 (A)
	NMFS	AT-04	9	Castille Pass Channel Sediment Delivery	Jun-07	\$29,045,754	\$18,933,969	577	59.50	20 Jan 04 (A)	13 Oct 05 (A)
X	FWS	BA-36	11	Dedicated Dredging on Barataria Basin Landbridge - Fill Site 1	Aug-07	\$15,378,401	\$15,231,142	242	56.00	17 Dec 03 (A)	29 Jul 04 (A)
	NMFS	BA-30	9	East Grand Terre Island Restoration	Aug-07	\$34,393,708	\$33,881,341	335	60.00	26 May 05 (A)	30 Nov 05 (A)
	COE	TV-11b	9	Freshwater Bayou Bank Stab-Belle Isle Canal-Lock	Apr-07	\$28,571,202	\$25,676,625	241	39.50	27 Jun 02 (A)	22 Jan 04 (A)
	NRCS	TE-43	10	GIWW Bank Restoration of Critical Areas in Terrebonne - Segments 1, 2, 6	Aug-07	\$15,968,228	\$13,175,993	132	40.25	21 Jan 03 (A)	26 Aug 04 (A)
X	FWS	PO-33	13	Goose Point/Point Platte Marsh Creation	Jun-07	\$19,137,181	\$18,989,923	436	53.00	20 Jul 06 (A)	8 Nov 06 (A)
	COE	ME-21	11	Grand Lake Shoreline Protection - with Tebo Point	Aug-07	\$23,068,344	\$20,331,947	540	61.25	11 May 04 (A)	16 Aug 04 (A)
	COE	PO-32b	12	Lake Borgne & MRGO Shoreline Prot - MRGO Segment**	Apr-07	\$34,637,092	\$31,924,591	173	36.50	11 Aug 04 (A)	29 Mar 05 (A)
	NMFS	ME-18	10	Rockefeller Refuge	Jun-07	\$10,544,865	\$10,544,865	N/A	NA	28 Sep 04 (A)	20 Sep 05 (A)
	EPA	TE-47	11	Ship Shoal: Whiskey West Flank Restoration	May-07	\$49,183,319	\$48,901,961	195	60.00	5 Oct 04 (A)	28 Sep 05 (A)
	NRCS	TE-39	9	South Lake DeCade - CU 1	Aug-07	\$3,171,215	\$2,221,045	202	74.95	19 Jul 04 (A)	2 Sep 04 (A)

7. **Decision: Request for One Year Construction Time Extension for North Lake Mechant Landbridge Restoration Project (TE-44) (Constance) 11:25 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** According to the CWPPRA Standard Operating Procedures (SOP): “If construction award has not occurred within 2 years of Phase 2 approval, the Phase 2 funds will be placed on a revocation list for consideration by the Task Force at the next Task Force meeting.” The Task Force approved Phase II funding on October 13, 2004 on the North Lake Mechant Landbridge Restoration Project (TE-44). The Task Force is asked to approve the USFWS’ request for a project extension of 1 year. The USFWS and LDNR are available to present project information related to this request. The Technical Committee recommends the Task Force to approve a one year extension for the project:

8. **Decision: Transitioning Projects to Other Authorities (Constance) 11:30 a.m. to 11:40 a.m.** The Planning and Evaluation Subcommittee met and revised the draft transfer process to transition CWPPRA projects to other authorities. The Technical Committee recommends that the Task Force approve the 22 Nov 06 version of the process to transfer projects to other authorities.

9. **Discussion: Funding of Environmental Impact Statements (EIS)/National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for Transferable CWPPRA Projects (Constance) 11:40 a.m. to 11:50 a.m.** The Technical Committee discussed the issue of the CWPPRA Program funding all, part, or none of EIS/NEPA development for projects that may be potentially transferred to other authorities. The results of the discussion will be reported to the Task Force.
10. **Discussion: Status of Unconstructed Projects (Constance) 11:50 a.m. to 11:55 a.m.** As directed by the Task Force, the Technical Committee compiled a spreadsheet to begin the discussion on the status of unconstructed CWPPRA projects which may be experiencing project delays. The Technical Committee will present the information in general terms and will brief the Task Force on the actions to be completed by the Planning and Evaluation Subcommittee to further discuss and document individual project status, issues, available funding, timelines, etc.
11. **Discussion: Long-Term O&M of CWPPRA Projects Including a Breakdown of O&M by Project Type (Constance) 11:55 a.m. to 12:10 p.m.** As directed by the Task Force, the Technical Committee discussed the funding of long-term O&M of CWPPRA projects. This discussion included issues such as increases in O&M cost over time, breakdown of O&M cost by project type, and the cost/benefit of continuing O&M activities. This information will be presented to the Task Force. The Technical Committee will request additional guidance from the Task Force on any additional actions necessary on this issue (e.g. development of a process/evaluation to aid in determining if increases to individual project O&M funding is “justifiable” based on a project’s observed benefits, performance (effectiveness), and total costs.)
12. **Report: Results of Fax Vote by the Task Force to Increase Construction Funding in the Amount of \$1,859,265 for the PPL 7- Barataria Landbridge Shoreline Protection, Construction Unit 5 Project (BA-27) (Constance) 12:10 p.m. to 12:15 p.m.** A Task Force fax vote was conducted January 25, 2007 to approve an increase construction funding in the amount of \$1,859,265 for the PPL 7- Barataria Landbridge Shoreline Protection, Construction Unit 5 Project (BA-27). The Corps has received 4 favorable votes from (NMFS, NRCS, FWS, EPA) approving the motion. The results of the fax vote will be reported to the Task Force.
13. **Report: Coastal Impact Assistance Program Update (Coffee) 12:15 p.m. to 12:25 p.m.** Mr. Dave Fruge, LDNR, will give a status report on the draft Coastal Impact Assistance Plan released February 5, 2007.
14. **Report: Public Outreach Committee Quarterly Report (Burruss) 12:25 p.m. to 12:35 p.m.** Ms. Burruss will present the Public Outreach Committee’s Quarterly Report.
15. **Additional Agenda Items (Wagenaar) 12:35 p.m. to 12:40 p.m.**
16. **Request for Public Comments (Wagenaar) 12:40 p.m. to 12:45 p.m.**

17. **Announcement: Date and Location of the Next Task Force Meeting (Constance) 12:45 p.m. to 12:50 p.m.** The next meeting of the Task Force is scheduled for 9:30 a.m., May 3, 2007 in Lafayette, Louisiana
18. **Announcement: Scheduled Dates and Locations of Upcoming CWPPRA Meetings (Constance) 12:50 p.m. to 12:55 p.m.**

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March 14, 2007	9:30 a.m.	Technical Committee	New Orleans
May 3, 2007	9:30 a.m.	Task Force	Lafayette
June 13, 2007	9:30 a.m.	Technical Committee	Baton Rouge
July 11, 2007	9:30 a.m.	Task Force	New Orleans
August 29, 2007	7:00 p.m.	PPL17 Public Meeting	Abbeville
August 30, 2007	7:00 p.m.	PPL17 Public Meeting	New Orleans
September 12, 2007	9:30 a.m.	Technical Committee	New Orleans
October 17, 2007	9:30 a.m.	Task Force	New Orleans
December 5, 2007	9:30 a.m.	Technical Committee	Baton Rouge

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January 8, 2008	10:00 a.m.	RPT Region IV	Rockefeller Refuge
January 9, 2008	9:00 a.m.	RPT Region III	Morgan City
January 10, 2008	9:00 a.m.	RPT Region II	New Orleans
January 10, 2008	1:00 p.m.	RPT Region I	New Orleans
January 30, 2008	9:30 a.m.	Coast-wide RPT voting Mtg.	Baton Rouge
February 13, 2008	9:30 a.m.	Task Force	Baton Rouge
March 19, 2008	9:30 a.m.	Technical Committee	New Orleans
April 23, 2008	9:30 a.m.	Task Force	Lafayette
June 18, 2008	9:30 a.m.	Technical Committee	Baton Rouge
July 16, 2008	9:30 a.m.	Task Force	New Orleans
August 27, 2008	7:00 p.m.	PPL 18 Public Meeting	Abbeville
August 28, 2008	7:00 p.m.	PPL 18 Public Meeting	New Orleans
September 10, 2008	9:30 a.m.	Technical Committee	New Orleans
October 15, 2008	9:30 a.m.	Task Force	New Orleans
December 3, 2008	9:30 a.m.	Technical Committee	Baton Rouge

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February 4, 2009	9:30 a.m.	Task Force	Baton Rouge
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